

**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD: JULY 13, 2021
Highland Heights Community Center
7:45 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Brunello; Council Representatives D'Amico, DeLisio, DiLalla, Ganser, Hargate, Milroy, Stickan; Clerk of Council Cahill; Asst. Fire Chief Bernhard; Police Chief Cook; Service Director Belfiore; Building Commissioner Grabfelder; Engineer Mader; Finance Director Filippo; Law Director Paluf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The reading of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 22, 2021 was dispensed with. Mrs. Ganser moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

AGENDA

Council Chamber Renovation Bid Review
Fire Protective Clothing
Service Department Radios

Council Chamber Renovation Bid Review

Building Commissioner Grabfelder reported that a bid opening was held on July 1st for the Council Chamber Renovation. Six contractors obtained the bid packet for the general contractor bid and three general contractor bids were received. Three audio-visual equipment and installation bid packets were obtained, and three audio-visual equipment and installation bids were received. Mr. Grabfelder and Director Belfiore provided a tabulation of the bids along with a bid tabulation from Perspectus Architecture.

The General Contractor award recommendation is Lawler Construction in the amount of \$325,000. The Audio-Visual Equipment and Installation award recommendation is to iVideo Technologies in the amount of \$82,137.46. Legislation is on the Council agenda to award the bids to the above-mentioned contractors. Mr. Grabfelder requested a suspension of the readings of the legislation to ensure that materials can be ordered, and delivery received to start construction as soon as possible.

Mrs. Ganser questioned the range in bid amounts received. Mr. Grabfelder responded that the architect's estimate was approximately \$430,000 and the two bids are approximately \$30,000 under the estimate. There is a \$300 difference between the recommended audio-visual contractor and the second lowest bidder. Mr. Grabfelder checked references for iVideo Technologies and found iVideo Technologies highly recommended. Mayor Brunello concurred that the City of Mayfield Heights was highly satisfied with the work they received from iVideo Technologies.

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Mr. Milroy was concerned that the work will be completed by the stated completion dates. Mr. Grabfelder stated that will be reviewed at a pre-construction meeting next week; however, the timeline will be contingent upon receipt of electronic and millwork desk materials.

Mr. Grabfelder answered Ms. D'Amico's question that yes, Lawler Construction did perform the renovations of the women's restroom at City Hall. At that time, a complication occurred but it was due to the architect's plans and not the general contractor.

President Stickan agreed with the suspension of the readings of the legislation due to the fact that material costs may increase. Mayor Brunello stated that \$475,000 has been budgeted for the Council Chamber Renovation project and the bid amounts total \$407,000. Mayor Brunello discussed with the Finance Director that the consulting fee will be derived from the budgeted amount which will allocate approximately \$24,000 for furnishings.

Fire Protective Clothing

Fire Chief Turner submitted a memo dated July 1st explaining the request to purchase Fire Fighter Protective Clothing. Asst. Chief Bernhard explained that the motion would allow for ten sets of turn-out gear to be purchased in an amount not to exceed \$22,740.00. President Stickan stated the purchase was discussed and approved at the Legislative and Finance Committee meeting this evening.

Service Department Radios

Director Belfiore submitted a memo dated July 7th providing a review and quotation from Communications Service for upgrading the Service Department's radio communication infrastructure and equipment at the Service Department facility and its vehicles. This purchase was earmarked in the Service Department's 2021 capital budget. The current radio communication equipment is low-band analog, much of which is no longer consistently operational. Equipment upgrades will include licensing bandwidth with the FCC, installation, and programming of a full display base station, 15 mobile, and 4 portable radio units. The radios are manufactured by Motorola and will transmit at an operating frequency in the 400 MHz range. There will be a \$1,300 credit from Communications Services for trade-in of old radio equipment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. DiLalla and seconded by Mr. DeLisio to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes all; motion carried.